



## National Council on Disability Regional “Earning” Forum

Detroit, Michigan

October 25 – 27, 2010

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### Monday, October 25

#### Welcome / Introductions

9:00 – 9:15 AM

##### **NCD Welcome**

*Linda Wetters, Acting Chair, NCD*

9:15 – 9:30 AM

##### **Michigan Welcome**

##### **Michigan’s “No Worker Left Behind”**

*Andy Levin, Acting Director, Michigan Department of Energy,  
Labor, and Economic Growth*

#### Midwest Challenges and Opportunities

9:30 – 10:15 AM

##### **Panel Presentation**

*Bill Erickson, Research Specialist, Employment and Disability  
Institute, Cornell University*

*Rahnee Patrick, Director of Independent Living, Access Living,  
Chicago, IL*

#### The Biggest Challenge and Opportunity (Town Hall)

10:15 – 11:00 AM

Open conversation that asks all participants – What *is* the biggest challenge to and the biggest opportunity for securing and improving employment outcomes for people with disabilities in the region?

##### **Moderators:**

- Sara Gelser, Council Member, NCD
- Karen Flippo, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, Institute for Community Inclusion (and Forum Facilitator)

## Monday, October 25 *(continued)*

### Vocational Rehabilitation / One-Stop System

11:00 – 11:45 AM

#### **Creative Partnerships in Michigan Geared toward Enhanced Employment Earnings and Outcomes**

**Moderator:** *Jaye N. Porter, Bureau Director, Michigan Rehabilitation Services*

#### **Independent Living Panel:**

*Lou Adams, Deputy Bureau Director Michigan Rehabilitation Services*

*Cecily Cagle, Chair, Michigan Rehabilitation Council (MRC)*

*James Magyar, M.A., President & CEO, Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living*

#### **Small Business Panel:**

*James Bunton, Division Director, Michigan Rehabilitation Services*

*Leamon Jones, Consumer Services Director, Michigan Commission for the Blind*

*Ann Bratsburg, MCB Small Business Owner and Customer*

*Jim Lewis, Business Owner and MRS Customer*

*Shannon McVoy, Counselor, Michigan Commission for the Blind*

*Richard Weir, M.B.A., Manager, MicroEnterprise Works Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living*

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11:45 AM – 12:15 PM

#### **BREAK, PICK UP LUNCHES**

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12:15 – 1:00 PM

#### **Integrating VR Services into the One-Stops**

*Kim Peck, Director, Rehabilitation Services, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development*

*Kathy Sweeney, Strategic Projects Director for the Workforce Development Division, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development*

## Monday, October 25 *(continued)*

1:00 – 1:30 PM

### **Future Strategic Directions**

*Lynnae Rutledge, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration*

*Byron Zuidema, Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Labor – Employment & Training Administration (Chicago, IL)*

1:30 – 2:00 PM

### **Discussion / Question & Answer**

**Moderator:** *Carol Jean Reynolds, Council Member, NCD*

## **How Does Health Care Reform Factor into the Conversation?**

2:00 – 2:45 PM

### **Panel Presentation**

*Henry Claypool, Director, Office on Disability, U.S. Health and Human Services (via video teleconference)*

*Lee Perselay, Disability Counsel, Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA), Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee*

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2:45 – 3:30 PM

### **Discussion / Question & Answer**

**Moderator:** *Barbara Kornblau, Professor, School of Health Professions and Studies, University of Michigan - Flint*

## **Private Employer Perspectives**

3:30 – 4:15 PM

### **Panel Presentation**

*Jill Houghton, Deputy Executive Director, U.S. Business Leadership Network (USBLN®)*

*Merrill Friedman, AVP, Advocacy & National Partnerships, Amerigroup Corporation*

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4:15 – 5:00 PM

### **Discussion / Question & Answer**

**Moderator:** *Joe Pak, Council Member, NCD*

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5:00 – 5:15 PM

### **Wrap Up, Preview of Tomorrow**

## Tuesday, October 26

9:00 – 9:15 AM

### **Welcome, Morning Announcements**

*Linda Wetters, Acting Chair, NCD*

## **DD / ID Populations and Employment**

9:15 – 10:00 AM

### **Promoting Community-based Employment in Wisconsin**

*Charlene Dwyer, Administrator Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation*

*John Reiser, Director, Office for Independence and Employment; Director, Pathways on Independence Initiative*

*Lisa Mills, Consultant, WI Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, Employment and Long-Term Care Initiative*

*Carole Stuebe, Executive Director, Portal, Inc.*

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10:00 – 10:45 AM

### **Ohio VR / DD – Partnering for Employment**

*Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations, Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities*

*John Martin, Director, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities*

*Michael Rench, Administrator, Ohio Rehabilitation Services*

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10:45 – 11:30 AM

### **Federal Partners Panel**

*Sharon Lewis, Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

*Lynnae Rutledge, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education*

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11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

### **Discussion / Question & Answer**

**Moderator:** *Ari Ne'eman, Council Member, NCD*

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12:00 – 12:30 PM

### **BREAK, PICK UP LUNCHES**

## Tuesday, October 26 (continued)

### Federal Focus on Employment

12:30 – 1:30 PM

#### Panel Presentation

*Jeff Jones, Acting Supervisor of Employment Services,  
Veterans Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans  
Affairs*

*Lynnae Rutledge, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services  
Administration, U.S. Department of Education*

*Marie Strahan, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary,  
Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of  
Labor*

*Bob Williams, Senior Advisor to the Ticket to Work Program,  
Social Security Administration*

1:30 – 2:00 PM

#### Discussion / Question & Answer

**Moderator:** *Sharon Lewis, Commissioner, Administration on  
Developmental Disabilities*

### Asset Development / Economic Security

2:00 – 2:45 PM

#### Panel Presentation

*Tom Foley, Deputy Director / Access to Assets Program  
Director, World Institute on Disability*

*Jackie Wilks-Weathers, Executive Director, The Center for  
Financial Independence and Innovation*

*Patti Lind, Executive Director, The Abilities Fund*

2:45 – 3:15 PM

#### Discussion / Question & Answer

**Moderator:** *Gary Blumenthal, Council Member, NCD*

## Tuesday, October 26 *(continued)*

### Small Group Discussions

3:15 – 3:30 PM

#### **Explanation of World Café style Conversations**

*Karen Flippo, Forum Facilitator*

#### **Break, Move, Settle into World Café Locations**

3:30 – 4:30 PM

#### **Small Group Discussions (World Café format)**

These discussions are designed to elicit quality feedback from three questions in three rounds. Questions are progressive and build upon each other.

### Discussions by State

4:30 – 4:45 PM

#### **Reconfigure in Rounds, by State**

4:45 – 5:45 PM

#### **Discussions by State, Facilitated**

5:45 PM

#### **Adjourn from State Discussions**

## Wednesday, October 27

### Do Systems Change and How?

9:00 – 10:00 AM

#### **Presentation**

*Karen Flippo, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, Institute for Community Inclusion (& Forum Facilitator)*

Karen presents on the “scorecards” for full employment

## **Wednesday, October 27 *(continued)***

### **Do Systems Change and How? *(continued)***

10:00 – 11:00 AM      **Facilitated Discussions amongst State Delegations**

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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM      **Facilitated Discussions with Karen (in plenary)**

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12:00 – 12:15 PM      **Wrap-Up, Adjourn**

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